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Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *March* 21, 1754.

The Storm ariſing in the *Weſt*, being the preſent Topic of Converſation, we think that we cannot oblige our Readers, at this Juncture, with any thing more entertaining than Major *Waſhington*'s Journal to *Ohio*, who was ſent laſt Fall, by the Governor of *Virginia*, to the Commandant of the *French* Forces there. (Major *Waſhington* introduces his Journal with an Advertiſement, with which we likewiſe preſent our Readers). From a Copy juſt Printed in *Williamſburg*.

ADVERTISEMENT.

AS it was thought adviſeable by his Honour the Governor to have the following Account of my Proceedings to and from the French *on* Ohio, *committed to Print; I think I can do no leſs than apologize, in ſome Meaſure, for the numberleſs Imperfections of it.*

There intervened but one Day between my Arrival in Williamſburg *and the Time for the Council's Meeting, for me to prepare and tranſcribe, from the rough Minutes I had taken in my Travels, this Journal: The writing of which only was ſufficient to employ me cloſely the whole Time, conſequently admitted of no Leiſure to conſult of a new and proper Form to offer it in, or to correct or amend the Diction of the old; neither was I apprized, or did in the leaſt conceive, when I wrote this for his Honour's Peruſal, that it ever would be publiſhed or even have more than a curſory Reading; till I was informed, at the Meeting of the preſent General Aſſembly, that it was already in the Preſs.*

There is nothing can recommend it to the Public, but this, Thoſe Things which came under the Notice of my own Obſervation, I have been explicit and juſt in a Recital of:——Thoſe which I have gathered from Report, I have been particularly cautious not to augment, but collected the Opinions of the ſeveral Intelligencers, and ſelected from the whole, the moſt probable and conſiſtent Account.

G. WASHINGTON.

Major GEORGE WASHINGTON's *Journal to the River* OHIO, &c.

Wedneſday, October 31ſt, 1753.

I WAS commiſſioned and appointed by the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq; Governor, &c. of *Virginia*, to viſit and deliver a Letter to the Commandant of the *French* Forces on the *Ohio*, and ſet out on the intended Journey the ſame Day; the next, I arrived at *Fredericksburg*, and engaged Mr. *Jacob Van Braam*, to be my *French* Interpreter; and proceeded with him to *Alexandria*, where we provided Neceſſaries; from thence we went to *Winchester*, and got Baggage, Horſes, &c. and from thence we purſued the new Road to *Wills* Creek, where we arrived the 14th of *November*.

Here I engaged Mr. *Giſt* to pilot us out, and alſo hired four others as Servitors, *Barnaby Currin*, and *John Macquire*, Indian Traders, *Henry Steward*, and *William Jenkins*, and in Company with thoſe Perſons, left the Inhabitants the Day following.

The exceſſive Rains and vaſt Quantity of Snow that had fallen, prevented our reaching Mr. *Frazier*'s an Indian Trader, at the Mouth of *Turtle* Creek, on *Monongahela*, till *Thurſday* the 22d. We were informed here, that Expreſſes were ſent a few Days ago to the Traders down the River, to acquaint them with the *French* General's Death, and the Return of the major Part of the *French* Army into Winter Quarters.

The Waters were quite impaſſable, without Swimming our Horſes; which obliged us to get the Loan of a Canoe from *Frazier*, and to ſend *Barnaby Currin*, and *Henry Steward*, down *Monongahela*, with our Baggage, to meet us at the Forks of *Ohio*, about 10 Miles, to croſs *Allegany*.

As I got down before the Canoe, I ſpent ſome Time in viewing the Rivers, and the Land in the Fork, which I think extremely well ſituated for a Fort, as it has the abſolute Command of both Rivers. The Land at the Point is 20 or 25 Feet above the common Surface of the Water, and a conſiderable Bottom of flat, well-timbered Land all around it, very convenient for Building: The Rivers are each a Quarter of a Mile, or more, acroſs, and run here very near at right Angles: *Aligany* bearing N. E. and *Monongahela* S. E. the former of theſe two is a very rapid and ſwift running Water, the other deep and ſtill, without any perceptible Fall.

About two Miles from this, on the South Eaſt Side of the River, at the Place where the *Ohio* Company intended to erect a Fort, lives *Shingiſs*, King of the *Delawares*; we call'd upon him, to invite him to Council at the *Loggs* Town.

As I had taken a good deal of Notice Yeſterday of the Situation at the *Forks*, my Curioſity led me to examine this more particularly, and I think it greatly inferior, either for Defence or Advantages; eſpecially the latter, for a Fort at the *Forks* would be equally well ſituated on *Ohio*, and have the entire Command of *Monongahela*, which runs up to our Settlements and is extremely well deſign'd for Water Carriage, as it is of a deep ſtill Nature; beſides, a Fort at the *Fork* might be built at a much leſs Expence, than at the other Place.——

Nature has well contrived the lower Place, for Water Defence; but the Hill whereon it muſt ſtand being about a Quarter of a Mile in Length, and then deſcending gradually on the Land Side, will render it difficult and very expenſive, making a ſufficient Fortification there.—The whole Flat upon the Hill muſt be taken in, or the Side next the Deſcent made extremely high; or elſe the Hill cut away: Otherwiſe, the Enemy may raiſe Batteries within that Diſtance without being expoſ'd to a ſingle Shot from the Fort.

Shingiſs attended us to the *Loggs* Town, where we arrived between Sun ſetting and Dark, the 25th Day after I left *Williamſburg*: We travelled over ſome extreme good, and bad Land, to get to this Place.—

As ſoon as I came into Town, I went to *Monacatoocha* (as the Half King was out at his hunting Cabbin on little *Beaver* Creek, about 15 Miles off) and inform'd him by *John Davidſon* my *Indian* Interpreter, that I was ſent a Meſſenger to the *French* General; and was ordered to call upon the Sachems of the *Six Nations*, to acquaint them with it.—I gave him a String of Wampum, and a Twiſt of Tobacco, and deſired him to ſend for the Half King; which he promiſed to do by a Runner in the Morning, and for other Sachems.—I invited him and the other great Men preſent to my Tent, where they ſtay'd about an Hour and return'd.

According to the beſt Obſervations I could make, Mr. *Giſt*'s new Settlement (which we paſs'd by) bears about W. N. W. 70 Miles from *Wills* Creek; *Shanapins*, or the Forks N. by W. or N. N. W. about 50 Miles from that; and from thence to the *Loggs* Town, the Courſe is nearly Weſt about 18 or 20 Miles; ſo that the whole Diſtance, as we went and computed it, is at leaſt 135 or 140 Miles from our back Inhabitants.

25th, Came to Town four of ten *Frenchmen* that deſerted from a Company at the *Cuſcuſkas*, which lies at the Mouth of this River; I got the following Account from them. They were ſent from *New Orleans* with 100 Men, and 8 Canoe Loads of Proviſions to this Place; where they expected to have met the ſame Number of Men, from the Forts this Side Lake *Erie*, to convoy them and the Stores up, who were not arrived when they ran off.

They conſtrued into the Situation of the *French*, on the *Miſſiſippi*, their Number, and what Forts they had built: They inform'd me, That there were four ſmall Forts between *New Orleans* and the *Black Iſlands*, garriſon'd with about 30 or 40 Men, and a few ſmall Pieces, in each: That at *New Orleans*, which is near the Mouth of the *Miſſiſippi*, there are 35 Companies, of 40 Men each, with a pretty ſtrong Fort mounting 8 Carriage Guns, and at the *Black Iſlands* there are ſeveral Companies, and a Fort with 6 Guns. The *Black Iſlands* are about 130 Leagues above the Mouth of the *Ohio*, which is about 350 above *New Orleans*: They alſo acquainted me, that there was a ſmall paliſado'd Fort on the *Ohio*, at the Mouth of the *Obaiſh* about 60 Leagues from the *Miſſiſippi*: The *Obaiſh* heads near the Weſt End of Lake *Erie*, and affords the Communication between the *French* on *Miſſiſippi* and thoſe on the Lakes. Theſe Deſerters came up from the lower *Shawah*-Town with one *Brown*, an *Indian* Trader, and were going to *Philadelphia*.

About 3 o'Clock this Evening the Half King came to Town; I went up and invited him and *Davidſon*, privately, to my Tent, and deſir'd him to relate ſome of the Particulars of his Journey to the *French* Commandant, and Reception there; and to give me an Account of the Ways and Diſtance. He told me, that the neareſt and leveleſt Way was now impaſſable, by Reaſon of many large miry Savannas; that we muſt be obliged to go by *Venango*, and ſhould not get to the near Fort under 5 or 6 Night's Sleep, good Travelling. When he went to the Fort, he ſaid he was received in a very ſtern Manner by the late Commander; Who aſk'd him very abruptly, what he had come about, and to declare his Buſineſs, which he ſaid he did in the following Speech.

Fathers, I am come to tell you your own Speeches; what your own Mouths have declared. Fathers, You, in former Days, ſet a Silver Boſon before us, wherein there was the Leg of a Beaver, and d-ſir'd of all Nations to come and eat of it; to eat in Peace and Plenty, and not to be churliſh to one another; and that if any ſuch Perſon ſhould be found to be a Diſturber, I here lay down by the Edge of the Diſh a Rod, which you muſt ſcourge them with; and if I your Father, ſhould get fooliſh, in my old Days, I deſire you may uſe it upon me as well as others.

Now Fathers, it is you that are the Diſturbers in this Land, by coming and building your Towns, and taking it away unknown to us, and by Force.

Fathers, We kindled a Fire a long Time ago, at a Place called Montreal, *where we deſired you to ſtay, and not to come and intrude upon our Land. I now deſire you may diſpatch to that Place; for be it known to you, Fathers, that this is our Land, and not yours.*

Fathers, I deſire you may hear me in Civilneſs; if not, we muſt handle that Rod which was laid down for the Uſe of the Obſtreperous. If you had come in a peaceable Manner, like our Brothers the Engliſh, *we ſhould not have been againſt your trading with us, as they do; but to come, Fathers, and build great Houſes upon our Land, and to take it by Force, is what we cannot ſubmit to.*

Fathers, Both you and the Engliſh *are whites, we live in a Country between; therefore the Land belongs to neither one nor t'other: But the Great Being above allow'd it to be a Place of Reſidence for us; ſo Fathers, I deſire you to withdraw, as I have done our Brothers the* Engliſh; *for I will keep you at Arms length: I lay this down as a Trial for both, to ſee which will have the greateſt Regard to it; and that Side we will ſtand by, and make equal Sharers with us. Our Brothers the* Engliſh *have heard this, and I come now to tell it to you, for I am not afraid to diſcharge you off this Land.*

This in ſaid was the Subſtance of what he ſaid to the General, who made this Reply.

Now my Child, I have heard your Speech, you ſpoke firſt, but it is my Time to ſpeak now. Where is my Wampum that you took away, with the Marks of Towns in it? This Wampum I do not know, which you have diſcharged me off the Land with; but you need not put yourſelf to the Trouble of ſpeaking, for I will not hear you: I am not afraid of Flies, or Muſquitos, for Indians *are ſuch as theſe; I tell you, down this River I will go, and will build*

build upon it, according to my Command: If the River was block'd up, I have Forces sufficient to burst it open, and tread under my Feet all that stand in Opposition, together with their Alliances; for my Force is as the Sand upon the Sea Shore: Therefore, here is your Wampum, I sling it at you. Child, you talk foolish; you say this Land belongs to you, but there is not the Black of my Nail yours: I saw that Land sooner than you did, before the Shannoahs *and you were at War:* Lead *was the Man that went down, and took Possession of that River: It is my Land, and I will have it, let who will stand up for, or say against it. I'll buy and sell with the* English, (mockingly). *If People will be rul'd by me, they may expect Kindness, but not else.*

The Half King told me he enquired of the General after two *Englishmen* that were made Prisoners, and received this Answer,

Child, You think it is a very great Hardship that I made Prisoners of those two People at Venango, *don't you concern yourself with it, we took and carried them to* Canada, *to get Intelligence of what the* English *were doing in* Virginia.

He informed me that they had built two Forts, one on Lake *Erie*, and another on *French*-Creek, near a small Lake about 15 Miles asunder, and a large Waggon Road between; they are both built after the same Model, but different in the Size; that on the Lake the largest; he gave me a Plan of them, of his own drawing.

The *Indians* enquired very particularly after their Brothers in *Carolina* Goal.

They also asked what Sort of a Boy it was that was taken from the *South*-Branch; for they had, by some *Indians*, heard, that a Party of *French Indians* had carried a white Boy by the *Cuscusca* Town, towards the Lakes.

26*th*. We met in Council at the *Long-House*, about 9 o'Clock, where I spoke to them as follows,

Brothers, I have called you together in Council, by Order of your Brother the Governor of Virginia, *to acquaint you that I am sent, with all possible Dispatch, to visit, and deliver a Letter to the* French *Commandant, of very great Importance to your Brothers the* English; *and I dare say, to you their Friends and Allies.*

I was desired, Brothers, by your Brother the Governor, to call upon you, the Sachems of the Nations, to inform you of it, and to ask your Advice and Assistance to proceed the nearest and best Road to the French. *You see, Brothers, I have got thus far on my Journey.*

His Honour likewise desired me to apply to you for some of your young Men, to conduct and provide Provisions for us on our Way, and be a Safeguard against those French Indians *who have taken up the Hatchet against us. I have spoke this particularly to you, Brothers, because his Honour our Governor treats you as good Friends and Allies, and holds you in great Esteem. To confirm what I have said, I give you this String of Wampum.*

After they had considered some Time on the above, the Half King got up and spoke.

Now, my Brothers, in Regard to what my Brother the Governor has desired of me, I return you this Answer.

I rely upon you as a Brother ought to do, as you say we are Brothers and one People: We shall put Heart in Hand, and speak to our Fathers the French *concerning the Speech they made to me, and you may depend that we will endeavour to be your Guard.*

Brother, as you have asked my Advice, I hope you will be ruled by it, and stay till I can provide a Company to go with you: The French *Speech-Belt is not here, I have it to go for to my hunting Cabbin; likewise the People which I have ordered in, are not yet come, nor cannot till the third Night from this, till which Time, Brother, I must beg you to stay.*

I intend to send a Guard of Mingos, Shannoahs, *and* Delawares, *that our Brothers may see the Love and Loyalty we bear them.*

As I had Orders to make all possible Dispatch, and waiting here was very contrary to my Inclination, I thanked him in the most suitable Manner I could, and told him that my Business required the greatest Expedition, and would not admit of that Delay: He was not well pleased that I should offer to go before the Time he had appointed, and told me that he could not consent to our going without a Guard, for Fear some Accident should befal us, and draw a Reflexion upon him; besides, says he, this is a Matter of no small Moment, and must not be entered into without due Consideration; for now I intend to deliver up the *French* Speech Belt, and make the *Shannoahs* and *Delawares* do the same: And accordingly he gave Orders to King *Shingiss*, who was present, to attend on *Wednesday* Night with the Wampum, and two Men of their Nation to be in Readiness to set out with us next Morning. As I found it was impossible to get off without affronting them in the most egregious Manner, I consented to stay.

I gave them back a String of Wampum that I met with at Mr. *Frazier*'s, which they had sent with a Speech to his Honour the Governor, to inform him, that three Nations of *French Indians*, viz. *Chippoways*, *Ottoways*, and *Orundacks*, had taken up the Hatchet against the *English*, and desired them to repeat it over again, which they postponed doing till they met in full Council with the *Shannoahs* and *Delawars* Chiefs.

27*th*. Runners were dispatched very early for the *Shannoah* Chiefs, the Half King set out himself to fetch the *French* Speech-Belt from his Hunting-Cabbin.

28*th*. He returned this Evening, and came with *Monocatoocha*, and two other Sachems to my Tent; and begged, (as they had complied with his Honour the Governor's Request, in providing Men, &c.) to know on what Business we were going to the *French*? this was a Question I all along expected, and had provided as satisfactory Answers to, as I could, and which allayed their Curiosity a little.

Monocatoocha informed me, that an *Indian* from *Venango* brought News, a few Days ago, that the *French* had called all the *Mingoi*, *Delawares* &c. together at that Place, and told them that they intended to have been down the River this Fall, but the Waters were growing cold, and the Winter advancing, which obliged them to go into Quarters: But they might assuredly expect them in the Spring, with a far greater Number; and desired that they might be quite passive, and not to intermeddle, unless they had a Mind to draw all their Force upon them, for that they expected to fight the *English* three Years, (as they supposed there would be some Attempts made to stop them) in which Time they should conquer, but if they should prove equally strong, that they and the *English* would join to cut them all off, and divide the Land between them; that tho' they had lost their General, and some few of their Soldiers, yet there were Men enough to reinforce them, and make them Masters of the *Ohio*.

This Speech, he said, was delivered to them by one Captain *Joncaire* their Interpreter in Chief, living at *Venango*, and a Man of Note in the Army.

29*th*. The Half-King and *Monocatoocha*, came very early, and begged me to stay one Day more, for notwithstanding they had used all the Diligence in their Power, the *Shannoah* Chiefs had not brought the Wampum they ordered, but would certainly be in To night; if not, they would delay me no longer, but would send it after us as soon as they arrived: When I found them so pressing in their Request, and knew that returning of Wampum was the abolishing of Agreements; and giving this up, was shaking off all Dependence upon the *French*, I consented to stay, as I believed an Offence offered at this Crisis, might be attended with greater ill Consequence, than another Day's Delay. They also informed me that *Shingiss* could not get in his Men, and was prevented from coming himself by his Wife's Sickness, (I believe, by Fear of the *French*) but that the Wampum of that Nation was lodged with *Custaloga* one of their Chiefs at *Venango*.

In the Evening late they came again and acquainted me that the *Shannoahs* were not yet come, but it should not retard the Prosecution of our Journey. He delivered in my Hearing the Speeches that were to be made to the *French*, by *Jeskakake*, one of their old Chiefs, which was giving up the Belt the late Commandant had asked for, and repeating near the same Speech he himself had done before.

He also delivered a String of Wampum to this Chief, which was sent by King *Shingiss*, to be given to *Custaloga*, with Orders to repair to the *French*, and deliver up the Wampum.

He likewise gave a very large String of black and white Wampum, which was to be sent up immediately to the Six Nations, if the *French* refused to quit the Land at this Warning; which was the third and last Time, and was the Right of this *Jeskakake* to deliver.

30*th*. Last Night the great Men assembled to their Council-House, to consult further about this Journey, and who were to go; the Result of which was, that only three of their Chiefs, with one of their best Hunters, should be our Convoy: The Reason which they gave for not sending more, after what had been proposed at Council the 26th, was, that a greater Number might give the *French* Suspicions of some bad Design, and cause them to be treated rudely: But I rather think they could not get their Hunters in.

We set out about 9 o'Clock with the Half King, *Jeskakake*, *White Thunder*, and the Hunter, and travelled on the Road to *Venango*, where we arrived the 4th of *December*, without any Thing remarkable happening but a continued Series of bad Weather.

This is an old *Indian* Town, situated at the Mouth of *French* Creek on *Ohio*, and lies near N. about 60 Miles from the *Logg*-Town, but more than 70 the Way we were obliged to go.

We found the *French* Colours hoisted at a House which they drove Mr. *John Frazier*, an *English* Subject, from; I immediately repaired to it, to know where the Commander resided: There were three Officers, one of whom, Capt. *Joncaire*, inform'd me, that he had the Command of the *Ohio*, but that there was a General Officer at the near Fort, which he advised me to for an Answer. He invited us to sup with them, and treated us with the greatest Complaisance.

The Wine, as they dosed themselves pretty plentifully with it, soon banished the Restraint which at first appear'd in their Conversation, and gave a License to their Tongues to reveal their Sentiments more freely.

They told me, That it was their absolute Design to take Possession of the *Ohio*, and by G— they would do it; for that they were sensible the *English* could raise two Men for their one; yet they knew, their Motions were too slow and dilatory to prevent any Undertaking of theirs. They pretend to have an undoubted Right to the River, from a Discovery made by one *La Sol* 60 Years ago; and the Rise of this Expedition is, to prevent our settling on the River or Waters of it, as they have heard of some Families moving out in Order thereto. From the best Intelligence I could get, there have been 1500 Men on this Side *Ontario* Lake, but upon the Death of the General all were recalled to about 6 or 700, who were left to garrison four Forts, 150 or thereabouts in each, the first of which is on *French* Creek, near a small Lake, about 60 Miles from *Venango*, near N. N. W. the next lies on Lake *Erie*, where the greatest Part of their Stores are kept, about 15 Miles from the other; from that it is 120 Miles to the carrying Place, at the Falls of Lake *Erie*, where there is a small Fort which they lodge their Goods at, in bringing them from *Montreal*, the Place that all their Stores come from; The next Fort lies about 20 Miles from this, on *Ontario* Lake; between this Fort and *Montreal* there are three others, the first of which is near opposite to the *English* Fort *Oswego*. From the Fort on Lake *Erie* to *Montreal* is about 600 Miles, which they say requires no more, if good Weather, than four Weeks Voyage, if they go in Barks or large Vessels, that they can cross the Lake; but if they come in Canoes it will require 5 or 6 Weeks, for they are oblig'd to keep under the Shore.

5*th*. Rain'd excessively all Day, which prevented our Travelling. Capt. *Joncaire* sent for the Half King, as he had but just heard that he came with me: He affected to be much concern'd that I did not make free to bring them in before; I excused it in the best Manner I was capable, and told him I did not think their Company agreeable, as I had heard him say a good deal in Dispraise of *Indians* in general; but another Motive prevented me from bringing them into his Company; I knew he was Interpreter, and a Person of very great Influence among the *Indians* and had lately used all possible Means to draw them over to their Interest; therefore I was desirous of giving no Opportunity that could be avoided.

When they came in, there was great Pleasure express'd at seeing them; he wonder'd how they could be so near without coming to visit him, made several trifling Presents, and applied Liquor so fast, that they were soon render'd incapable of the Business they came about, notwithstanding the Caution that was given.

6*th*. The Half-King came to my Tent, quite sober, and insisted very much that I should stay and hear what he had to say to the *French*; I fain would have prevented his speaking any Thing, 'til he came to the Commandant; but could not prevail: He told me, that at this Place a Council Fire was kindled, where all their Business with their People was to be transacted, and that the Management of the *Indian* Affairs was left solely to Monsieur *Joncaire*. As I was desirous of knowing the Issue of this, I agreed to stay, but sent our Horses a little Way up *French* Creek, to raft over and encamp; which I knew would make it near Night.

About 10 o'Clock they met in Council; the King spoke much the same as he had before done to the General, and offer'd the *French* Speech Belt which had before been demanded, with the Marks of four Towns on it, which Monsieur *Joncaire* refused to receive; but desired him to carry it to the Fort to the Commander.

9th. Monsieur *La Force*, Commissary of the *French* Stores, and three other Soldiers came over to accompany us up. We found it extremely difficult getting the *Indians* off To day, as every Stratagem had been used to prevent their going up with me: I had last Night left *John Davison* (the *Indian* Interpreter that I brought from the *Loggs* Town with me) strictly charg'd not to be out of their Company, as I could not get them over to my Tent (they having some Business with *Custaloga*, to know the Reason why he did not deliver up the *French* Belt which he had in Keeping) but was obliged to send Mr. *Gist* over To day to fetch them, which he did with great Persuasion.

At 11 o'Clock we set out for the Fort, and were prevented from arriving there 'til the 11th by excessive Rains, Snows, and bad Travelling, through many Mires and Swamps, which we were obliged to pass, to avoid crossing the Creek, which was impossible, either by fording or rafting, the Water was so high and rapid.

We passed over much good Land since we left *Venango*, and through several extensive and very rich Meadows; one of which I believe was near four Miles in Length, and considerably wide in some Places.

[*The Remainder in our next.*]

LONDON, December 15.

AT a late Meeting of the *Royal Society*, the annual Benefaction of Sir GODFREY COPLEY, Bart. (the Gift of which, on the Death of Sir HANS SLOANE, devolv'd upon the President and Council) was, in a Gold Prize Medal, adjudg'd to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; of *Philadelphia*, for his useful Discoveries in Electricity, and deliver'd to be transmitted to him by the Care of his worthy Friend Mr. COLLINSON, Fellow of the said Society. On this Occasion the noble President deliver'd a Speech, which, as it greatly inhances the Value of the Prize, does as much Honour to the Judgment, Candour, and strict Impartiality of the Society, as to the ingenious Person so deservedly distinguish'd by them. To be assur'd, that in confering this annual Prize, constant Regard will be had to the Advancement of useful Knowledge, and the Honour of the Society, to hear it declar'd, that overlooking their own narrow Circle, they will always, with the generous Spirit of true Philosophers, esteem ingenious Men of all Countries Fellow Members with themselves of the same illustrious Republic of Letters, and that they will accordingly distinguish the most deserving, *Tros Rutulusve*; and to see this verified in the present Instance, must excite a laudable Emulation among learned Men, since in their Turns they may hope for this valuable Badge of Honour without Friend and without Sollicitation, wherever born, or however distant their Residence. All who know Mr. FRANKLIN as a Writer, must think such a Mark of Distinction due to him for his successful Endeavours to discover the Cause of Lightning, and the agreeable Hopes he gives us of being one Day able, by Means of farther Discoveries, to shield ourselves from all its dreadful Effects; but Genius is not half his Worth. Those who know him as a Man, must think it doubly due to him for his Goodness and Benevolence of Heart, his modest affectionate Temper, his public Spirit, and all his silent private Virtues, which can only be fully known in the Country where they have been long felt.

ANNAPOLIS.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in *London*, to his Friend in *Maryland*, dated *December* 22, 1753.

"*This Nation seems to be in a most perfect State of Peace and Tranquility, especially since the Repeal of the late Act for Naturalizing foreign Jews, which, no doubt, you have heard much of abroad: That Act which did not give the Jews much greater Privileges than they now enjoy (indeed it might have been a Step to greater), occasioned a general Clamour amongst the People throughout the Nation; and at the Meeting of the Parliament, instead of waiting to hear Petitions and Debates on the Subject, both Houses seem'd to strive who should first propose the Repeal, for it was motion'd in both Houses the first Day of their Meeting. And last Thursday his Majesty went up to the House, and past the Repeal. In short, it seems to be the Study at present of the Ministers, as well as the King (who always made it his), to make the People easy and happy, which is attended with it's natural Consequence, that never was a King on the Throne more beloved, nor was there ever less Opposition to the Ministry known. At the approaching General Election there seems only to be a Struggle betwixt the Candidates, the Ministry don't interfere, the Names of* Court *and* Country Interest, *are no more made Use of; and it is said there are but six Boroughs in the Nation, where the old Parties of* Whig *and* Tory *subsist.*"

Yesterday Morning about 10 *o'Clock, his Excellency our Governor embarked in Mr.* Middleton's *Boat, for the Eastern Shore, and landed at Col.* Lloyd's *on* Wye *River about Two. His Excellency intends a Tour to* Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, *and to return again from* Talbot, *about the* 18*th, or* 20*th of next Month.*

The Assizes will begin at Worcester *County, on the Eastern Shore, on the* 28*th Instant; and at* Baltimore, *on the Western, on the second of* April.

At our County Court, last Week, a Negro Man was tried and condemned for Horse Stealing, and is to be executed next Wednesday.

We hear from Patapsco, *that the Beginning of this Week, two Men being in a Flat in that River, loaded with Iron Ore, she suddenly sprung a Leak, which one of them observing, while his Companion was asleep, went and waked him, who jump'd up, and got into a Punt, which they had with them, but he who alarm'd him of the Danger, went into the Fore Castle, to fetch something, and she sunk so quick that he was drowned, and the other was saved.*

Saturday Morning last, died, at his House in London Town, *after a tedious Indisposition, Mr.* WILLIAM CHAPMAN, *aged* 67 *Years. He was a Gentleman who had transacted a great deal of Business as a Merchant, with a fair Character; and was, in his younger Years, one of the Magistrates of this County. He was an agreeable Companion, a kind Neighbour, a tender Parent, and an honest Man.*

We have just now received Intelligence from the Westward, of 400 French *being come down from the Lakes,* 100 *of which slay'd about* Mushingum, *and the other* 300 *went down to the lower* Shanoah Town; *they have demanded the* English *Traders that are there (about* 20 *in Number), to be delivered up to them, which the* Shanoahs *have refused to do, and have sent up for the* Catawas, *to come to their Assistance. These* 400 French *expect to be join'd by* 400 *more, as soon as they can come down from the Lakes. There are* 22 French *in the* Loggs-Town, *who about* 5 *Weeks ago, held a Council with the* Indians; *in which they told them,* That as they had determined not to make their Fire with them, but had done it with their Brothers the *English*, they might expect to be struck, and that their Brothers the *English* should see the Sun but 20 Days, and then they would destroy all the *Indians*: *Upon which* Monocatoocha *took his Tommahawk out of his Bosom, and said,* You have often deceived us, but now you tell us, "You will strike our Brothers "the *English*," we believe you speak the Truth, come on, we are ready for you, and will stand by, and join our Brothers against you. *A few Days before the above Council was held, the* French *had taken one* John Patten *Prisoner, which the Half King hearing, went to them, and said to this Effect:* We have suffered you to take our Brothers often, and have taken no Notice of it; but since you have the Impudence to take our Brother before our Faces, we see your Design; *upon which he went up to the* French *Captain and knock'd him down, and then turning to* Patten, *he said,* My Brother, you are a Freeman, I discharge you, go about your Business.

To Mr. JONAS GREEN.

SIR, *Chesapeak, March* 6, 1754.

ON Enquiry, it has been found, that there are (at least) 100 *Marylanders* in the ACADEMY at *Philadelphia*, and it is experimentally known, that the annual Charges, for Cloaths, Schooling, Board, *&c. &c. &c.* amount (at least) to 75 *l. Maryland* Currency, 50 *l.* Sterling, for each Youth sent thither, that is to be genteelly and liberally educated. Hence it is evident, that if this Practice continues but 20 Years (at the moderate Computation of 5000 *l.* Sterling *per Annum*), there must be remitted from *Maryland*, for the Benefit of the *Pennsylvanians*, the round Plumb, or Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling. Besides this, 'tis well known, that vast Sums are every Year transmitted to *France*, *&c.* for the Education of our young Gentlemen of the Popish Persuasion, *&c.* Tho perhaps superior Politics, Interest and Influence may render the saving the Money in the latter Case (intirely lost to the Province), impracticable; yet certainly our Protestant Patriots might contrive Ways and Means for keeping within *Maryland*, the Cash advanced (as aforesaid), for the Use of *Pennsylvania*, by establishing a College on each Shore, or one at *Annapolis*, at which (if duly endowed, and regulated by proper Statutes) our Protestant Youth might be educated much better, cheaper, and more conveniently accommodated, and at the same Time the Cash expended, would still circulate within the Province. If you think these Hints deserve public Consideration, by inserting them in your next, you will oblige

Yours, &c.

PHILO MARILANDICUS.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
TAYLOR,

REMOVED from his House, in Town, to his Plantation over *Severn*, hereby gives Notice to his Customers, that he carries on his Business, as usual, having good Hands for that purpose, and will Dispatch Work for his Customers who shall continue to Employ him. He attends in Town, Three Times a Week, and may be met with, either at Mr. *Dick's*, or Mr. *Swan's* Stores, or at his late Dwelling House. 1

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Henry Owings*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as Strays, the three following Creatures, *viz.*

A Brown Bay Mare, branded on one of her Buttocks with an I. 1

A Brown Bay Mare, branded on her near Buttock thus ( ) has some Saddle Spots on each Side of her Back, a long Switch Tail, and is a natural Pacer. 1 pd

And a Brown Bay Mare, branded on both her Buttocks with a Horse Shoe, and has had some Pieces cut out of her right Ear.

The Owner of Owners may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Thomas Butler*, living at *Rock Creek*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Black Mare, about 12 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder M, and on the near Buttock C. 1 1 pd

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Richard Franklin*, near *West River*, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Horse, about 3 Years old, has three white Feet, a Blaze in his Face, is neither branded nor dock'd. 1 1 pd

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Michael Gillum*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Mouse-colour'd Mare, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock G B, and on the near Shoulder V E. 1 1 pd.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be RUN for,
On Monday the 15th of *April*,
(Being the Gift of his Excellency,)

AT *Talbot* County Court-House, a Purse of TWENTY POUNDS, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, (who never then shall have won a Prize of above Seven Pounds,) carrying Nine Stone Weight, the best of Three Heats, each Heat to be Twice round the Poles on the Race-Ground; to rub Half an Hour between each Heat. The Horses, *&c.* to be entered with Mr. *Josiah Coleman*, living at *Talbot* Court-House, on Saturday the 13th, each paying Twenty Shillings Entrance. 2

Such Rules and Orders are to be observed, as are usual on those Occasions; and if any Disputes should arise, they are to be determined by Gentlemen appointed for that Purpose, before starting; and if the 15th should be a rainy Day, the Prize to be run for on the first fair Day after.

LOST,

THE first Volume of, *The History of a Foundling*, by *Henry Fielding*, Esq; plain Bound, without any Tilling. Whoever brings it to the Printer hereof, shall have Five Shillings Reward. 2

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Dorchester* County, on the 23d of *February* last, a Servant Man, named *William Northwood*, an *Englishman*, about 5 Feet and a half high, aged 31 Years, of a brown Complexion, wears his own Hair, has dark Eyes, and by Trade a Sawyer. Had on and took with him a blue Fearnothing Pea Jacket, a double breasted white Cotton short Jacket, without Sleeves, blue Breeches, a Pair of ribb'd Worsted Stockings, and two Pair of Yarn Stockings, a Felt Hat, a Holland Shirt ruffled at the Bosom, a Country coarse Jacket without Sleeves or Buttons. He has got his Indenture with him, and it is very probable has wrote a Discharge on the Back of it. 2

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures him so as his Master may get him again, shall have One Pistole Reward, besides what the Law allows, and all reasonable Charges, paid by

Moses Lecompte, junior.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near *Joppa*, on the 11th of this Inst. *March*, the two following Servant Men, *viz.*

Nathaniel Nichols, an *Irishman*, of a middle Size, about 5 Feet high, wears his own Hair, talks much, and pretends to be a Barber: Had on, and took with him, when he went away, a Cotton Waistcoat, Country Cloth Breeches, two Osnabrigs Shirts, and one Check One, two Pair of Yarn Stockings, Country made Shoes, and a Felt Hat. 2

John Henry, a *Welchman*, talks much, and is about 4 Feet and a Half high: Had on when he went away a brown Wig, an old Hat, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a Country Cloth Jacket, a Pair of Cotton Breeches, Sailor's Trowsers, Yarn Stockings, and a Pair of Negro Shoes.

Whoever takes up the said Servants, and secures them, so that they may be had again, shall have FIVE POUNDS Reward.

George Presbury.

To be Sold by the Subscriber,

GOOD *West India* Rum, *Muscovado* Sugar, Melasses, Coffee, Sash Glass, 12 by 10, 11 by 9, 10 by 8, 6 by 4, and Diamond Glass, Linseed Oil, White Lead, and sundry dry Goods, for Cash, Pork, Beef, Corn, Wheat, Pease, Oats, or Parcels of good Tobacco. 12

Patrick Creagh.

To be Sold by the Subscriber,

FOUR Hundred Acres of choice Land, lying in *Calvert* County, about four Miles below *Lower Marlborough*, and a Mile and a half from the River, is well Timber'd, and the Bounds proved. X

The Terms may be known by applying to

Francis Chew.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of the Rev. Mr. *John Lang*, late of *St. James's* Parish in *Anne-Arundel* County, deceased; and all those indebted to the Estate of Mrs. *Margaret Lang* (Widow of the late Rev. Mr. *Lang*), deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment to the Subscriber, to prevent Trouble: And all those who have any legal Claims on either of the said Estates, are desired to bring them in to, X 7

James Anderson, Executor to Mrs. *Margaret Lang*.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Joshua Bond*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with a Blaze down her Face, and her near hind Foot white. X

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Possession of *William Herbert*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Horse, not branded, but has a small Star in his Forehead, and his hind Feet are white. X

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Possession of *Solomon Turner*, living on *Bennit's* Creek in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Gelding, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock with TH (Bottom upwards, join'd in one), has a narrow Blaze in his Face, and a bob Tail; and had on a small Bell.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be Sold by Public Vendue,

On the 3d Day of the Provincial Court, being the 23d Day of May,

THE Dwelling-House and Lot where *Robert Gordon*, Esq; lately deceased, lived; as also the House where Mr. *William Thornton* now lives, and the Warehouses adjoining, with all the Improvements on the said Lot, for Sterling or Currency, by

4 *Agnes Gordon*, Administratrix.

Conformable to LAW, X

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Hillary* in *Prince George's* County, near *Bladensburg*, taken up as a Stray, a Black Mare, branded with a Heart on her near Shoulder, about 12 Hands and a half high: She has a Colt with her about 8 Months old.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, X

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mrs. *Priscilla Woodward*, near the Head of *South* River, in *Anne-Arundel* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Black Horse, has no perceivable Brand, but has two white Spots on the off Side of his Back, and another white Spot on his Neck near his Withers, and a bushy Tail.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Baltimore County, *Feb.* 18, 1754.

WHEREAS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; of *Philadelphia*, has constituted me his Attorney in Fact, for the Western Shore of this Province, for transacting his Affairs: This is therefore to require all Persons indebted to him, on this Side of the Bay, to make speedy Payment of their respective Debts, else they must expect Trouble, from

7 *Their humble Servant*,

William Young

THE Managers of the *Baltimore* LOTTERY, hereby give Notice, That they will certainly draw it, on Tuesday the 30th of *April* ensuing. 4

N. B. A few of the Tickets are yet to be Sold at the POST OFFICE in *Annapolis*.

ANDREW BUCHANAN,

PERUKE-MAKER,

HAVING lately purchased a large Quantity of all Sorts of the best of *English* HAIRS, will make WIGS of all Fashions, from One Guinea to Four Guineas Price. And any Gentlemen who are pleased to favour him with their Custom, may depend on being served with Fidelity and Care, by

X6 *Their humble Servant*,

Andrew Buchanan.

N. B. Any Wig Makers may be supplied with Hairs, by the Pound, or Ounce, by the said *Buchanan*, at a very reasonable Price.

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THE LAWS made at the last Session of Assembly.

MARY SALISBURY,

PROPOSES keeping SCHOOL in *Annapolis*, at the House where Mr. *Sparrow* lived, near the Church, to Teach young LADIES FRENCH, and all Sorts of fine NEEDLE-WORK, TAPESTRY, EMBROIDERY with Gold and Silver, and every other CURIOUS WORK which can be performed with a Needle, and all Education fit for young LADIES, except Dancing.

N. B. She will take in young LADIES to Board, and proposes to open School the 25th of *March*. Those young LADIES who intend to be her Scholars, are desired to leave their Names at the PRINTING OFFICE.

To be Sold, for ready Money, or short Credit,

THREE Lots of Ground, lying in *Annapolis*, and at present in the Possession of Mr. *Richard Burdus*, with the Dwelling House and Out Houses, and all the other Improvements, such as Paling, Fencing, &c. which at present are in good Repair.

For Title and Price apply to

Robert Swan.

N. B. The Houses and Lots being formerly leased out at Twenty five Pounds *per Annum*, there are six Years of which yet to come.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Subscriber will give constant Attendance at his Office, in *Annapolis*, on every Wednesday and Thursday before the Tenth of *April* next, to receive all such Money from the Inhabitants of this County as is due from them for Public Levies, or on any other Account, to

Their humble Servant,

Nathan Hammond, Sheriff of *Anne Arundel* County.

INSPECTORS, who are not yet supplied with Books and Notes for the present Year, may be supplied with any Quantities on Application to

Jonas Green.

A SCHEME of a small LOTTERY;

For raising the Sum of 490 Pieces of Eight, for building a public Wharf at *Baltimore-Town*.

Numb. of Prizes.		*Pieces of Eight.*		*Total.*
2	of	100	are	200
3	of	50	are	150
3	of	30	are	90
6	of	20	are	120
10	of	15	are	150
20	of	10	are	200
50	of	5	are	250
612	of	3	are	1836
1 first drawn				7
1 last drawn				7
708 Prizes,				3010
1042 Blanks,				
1750 Tickets at 2 Pieces of Eight, are				3500
For the public Wharf				490

By this Scheme there is not one Blank and a half to a Prize.

As there is nothing more wanting than a public Wharf in the Town, where the Trade is greatly increased within a few Years, it is not to be doubted but People will readily Adventure in this Lottery, who are Well-wishers to the Prosperity of the Town and Province.

Many of the Tickets being already engaged, it is suppos'd the Lottery will be full in a very short Time, of which public Notice will be given, and of the Time of Drawing.

A List of the Prizes will be published in the *Maryland* Gazette, as soon as the Drawing is compleated.

The following Persons are appointed Managers, who are to be under Oath, for the true Performance of their Trust, *viz.* Messrs. *John Stevenson, Richard Chase, John Moale, Charles Crexall, William Rogers, Nicholas Rogers, John Ridgely, Nicholas Ruxton Gay, William Lux*, and *Brian Philpot*, jun.

Tickets to be had of any of the Managers, and at the POST-OFFICE, in *Annapolis*.

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